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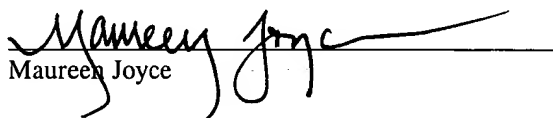
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed September 12, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

The applicants present the claims as amended below and enclose a set of marked-up claims with bracketing and underlining.

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please rewrite claims 1, 3, 16, 17, 20- 23, 27-31 and 34 as indicated below:

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1. (Amended) A surgical device comprising two or more modular units, at least one of which is capable of being interchanged during surgery, including at least a cannula section and an applicator section, wherein the device is suitable for delivery of at least one fluid during surgery and is capable of being provided in a sterilized condition.